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**Comparative effect of three neurotoxic insecticides with different modes of action on adult males and females of three tortricid moth pests**

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1    **ABSTRACT**

2    Insecticides are the dominant pest management method in fruit and vegetable crops worldwide  
3    due to their quick effect, low cost and relatively easy application, but they bear negative effects  
4    on human health and the environment. Insecticide mode of action (MoA), target species and sex  
5    are variables that could affect insecticide mortality. We recorded the mortality caused by three  
6    neurotoxic insecticides with different modes of action [Chlorpyrifos (organophosphate,  
7    acetylcholinesterase inhibitor),  $\lambda$ -Cyhalothrin (pyrethroid, sodium channel modulator) and  
8    Thiacloprid (neonicotinoid, nicotinic acetylcholinesterase receptor agonist)] applied topically to  
9    adult males and females of three economically important tortricid species [*Cydia pomonella* (L.),  
10   *Grapholita molesta* (Busck), and *Lobesia botrana* (Denis & Schiffermüller)] that strongly  
11   depend on insecticide use for their control. Concentration and dose-mortality curves were  
12   recorded at 24 and 48 hours post application. Large mortality differences between insecticides  
13   (maximum 7800-fold for LD<sub>50</sub>) were followed by much lower, yet important, differences  
14   between species (maximum 115-fold), and sexes (maximum 41.5-fold). Significant interactions  
15   between the three factors indicate that they are not independent from each other. Interestingly,  
16   with the organophosphate Chlorpyrifos, males of the three species were less susceptible than  
17   females, which was unexpected since females are larger than males. Higher female sensitivity to  
18   organophosphates has been reported previously but only in *G. molesta*, not in other moth species.  
19   Our results highlight the importance of taking into account sex in dose-mortality studies with  
20   adult moths.

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22   **KEY WORDS:** dose-response, neurotoxic insecticides, Tortricidae, adult insects, sex  
23   differences.

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1 A fundamental aspect of insecticide pest control is determining the optimal quantity of toxicant  
2 needed to obtain maximum pest mortality while at the same time minimizing environmental and  
3 human impact (Guillette and Iguchi 2012, Guedes *et al.* 2015). Mortality curves are the most  
4 common method to assess the relationship between the quantity of toxicant and the level of  
5 mortality (Pasquier and Charmillot 2003, Cutler 2013). Both, toxicant mode of action and insect  
6 species affect the slope and intercept of mortality curves, but these are not the only variables that  
7 affect mortality-curves. Some variables such as insect stage (egg, immature or adult) or  
8 development are sometimes examined (Knight 2000, Sáenz-de-Cabezón Irigaray *et al.* 2005,  
9 Rodríguez *et al.* 2011), whereas other biological variables, such as sex (Kanga *et al.* 2001,  
10 Shearer and Usmani 2001, de Lame *et al.* 2001), or methodological issues, such as the mode of  
11 application or time of exposure (Preisler and Robertson 1989), are rarely considered. Because it  
12 is challenging to compare many variables in a single experiment, most comparative studies either  
13 test several insect species with one toxicant (Vandekerkhove and de Clercq 2004, Nayak and  
14 Daglish 2006, Ioriatti *et al.* 2009a), or several types of toxicants on a single species (Zotti *et al.*  
15 2013, Grigg-McGuffin *et al.* 2015, Wu *et al.* 2015). Fewer studies, however, test the effect of  
16 several insecticides on different species (Beers *et al.* 2005, Fernandes *et al.* 2016, Rodriguez-  
17 Saona *et al.* 2016). In addition, the effect of sex is often neglected.

18 In the present study we compare the effect of three neurotoxic insecticides with different modes  
19 of action (MoA) on adult males and females of three economically important moth species. We  
20 focus on the tortricid moths, *Cydia pomonella* (L.), *Grapholita molesta* (Busck) and *Lobesia*  
21 *botrana* (Denis & Schiffermüller), because they are key pests of relevant Mediterranean fruit  
22 crops, mainly apples, peaches and grapes, but they also attack other hosts and have a relatively  
23 worldwide distribution (Ioriatti *et al.* 2011, Damos *et al.* 2015, Kirk *et al.* 2013). As toxicants we  
24 chose three neurotoxic insecticides with different modes of action: Chlorpyrifos, an  
25 organophosphate that acts on acetylcholinesterase (AChE), the enzyme that degrades the

1 neurotransmitter acetyl-choline;  $\lambda$ -Cyhalothrin, a pyrethroid that modulates sodium channels  
2 involved in action potential generation; and Thiacloprid, a neonicotinoid that competitively  
3 modulates nicotinic acetylcholine receptors (nAChR) at the post-synaptic dendrite (Casida 2009,  
4 IRAC 2016). Neurotoxic insecticides act by contact and ingestion and could affect all insect life  
5 stages. Thiacloprid and Chlorpyrifos affect larvae and adults of *C. pomonella* (Reyes and  
6 Sauphanor 2008), Chlorantraniliprole affect eggs and larvae of *L. botrana* (Ioriatti *et al.* 2009b),  
7 several neonicotinoid and organophosphate insecticides affect all insect stages of *C. pomonella*  
8 and *G. molesta* (Magalhaes and Walgenbach, 2011); and our three test insecticides affect eggs  
9 and larvae of *C. pomonella* (Rodríguez *et al.* 2011). The three insecticides of our study are  
10 recommended by the Spanish Agriculture Ministry to control at least two of the three tortricid  
11 species each (MAGRAMA 2015). Neurotoxic insecticides account for 54% of total insecticide  
12 sales worldwide (Sparks and Nauen 2015). These insecticides have already been tested in these  
13 three moth species to assess resistance and sublethal effects, having larva as a common target  
14 insect stage. *C. pomonella* is resistant to Chlorpyrifos (Reyes *et al.* 2011, Rodríguez *et al.* 2011),  
15  $\lambda$ -Cyhalothrin (Mota-Sánchez *et al.* 2008, Rodríguez *et al.* 2011) and Thiacloprid (Rodríguez *et*  
16 *al.* 2011, Cichón *et al.* 2013), but there are not registered resistance cases for these active  
17 ingredients in *G. molesta* or *L. botrana*. Sublethal effects have been tested for Chlorpyrifos in *C.*  
18 *pomonella* (Yang *et al.* 2013) and *L. botrana* (Pavan *et al.* 2014), for  $\lambda$ -Cyhalothrin in *C.*  
19 *pomonella* (Yang *et al.* 2013) and *G. molesta* (Jones *et al.* 2011), and for Thiacloprid in *C.*  
20 *pomonella* (Brunner *et al.* 2005) and *G. molesta* (Siegwart *et al.* 2011).

21 By comparing the effect of insecticides with different MoA across phylogenetically related  
22 species, and in both sexes, we hope to gain basic background information for further studies on  
23 the physiological mechanisms responsible for insecticide resistance and the effect of sublethal  
24 doses. At the same time, the response-mortality curves obtained will provide a diagnostic

methodology to test possible resistance cases in field populations, using adults of the same species and the same insecticides tested in this study.

## Materials and Methods

**Insects.** Susceptible laboratory strains of *C. pomonella*, *G. molesta* and *L. botrana* established from individuals collected in Lleida (Spain), Piacenza (Italy), and La Rioja (Spain), respectively, have been maintained under laboratory conditions for more than 5 years without introduction of wild individuals. Larvae were reared in artificial diet (Ivaldi-Sender 1974) in a rearing room maintained at  $25 \pm 1$  °C with a 16:8 hour light:dark photoperiod. Pupae were separated by sex and checked daily for adult emergence, except for *C. pomonella* which was sexed at the adult stage, also in a daily basis. Adult body mass was estimated by drying 40 frozen 1-day-old individuals of each sex and species for 2 days at 30°C, and then weighting them individually in an analytical balance ( $\pm 0.1$  mg precision).

**Insecticides.** Chlorpyrifos (TraceCERT®, certified reference material,  $\approx 100\%$  (a.i.)),  $\lambda$ -Cyhalothrin (PESTANAL®, analytical standard,  $\approx 100\%$  (a.i.)), and Thiacloprid (PESTANAL®, analytical standard,  $\approx 100\%$  (a.i.)) (all from Sigma-Aldrich, Spain), were the active ingredients used in the mortality bioassays. All the dilutions used in the bioassays were prepared from pure compound in at least two different occasions, using acetone (CHROMASOLV®, for HPLC,  $\geq 99.9\%$ . Sigma-Aldrich, Spain) as solvent. Dilutions were stored in 2- or 4-ml acetone-rinsed glass vials at 7°C. The same stock of acetone used to prepare the dilutions was also used as the negative control treatment.

1 **Mortality bioassays.** Newly emerged adults were separated from the pupal cages every day and  
2 received the insecticide treatments during the first half of the photophase at 0 to 24 hours post-  
3 emergence. Adults were placed individually or in pairs in 10-ml test tubes and received a brief  
4 (10 seconds) flow of industrial grade CO<sub>2</sub> which quickly anesthetized them. Immediately after  
5 being anesthetized they were placed upside down under the field of view of a stereo microscope.  
6 A 1- $\mu$ l test solution was applied to the ventral thoracic region of each insect with a high-  
7 precision, positive displacement, repeatable-dispensing micropipette (Multipette® M4,  
8 Eppendorf, Germany), and they were transferred immediately to a 150 ml polypropylene non-  
9 sterile clinical sample bottle (57 mm diameter x 73 mm-high). Individuals receiving the same  
10 treatment were placed in groups of 3 to 10 in the same bottle. The lid of the bottle was punctured  
11 to make 10 holes (1-mm-diameter each) to allow gas exchange, and a 1.5 ml eppendorf  
12 containing 10% sugar solution and a cotton plug was placed on the bottom to supply nutrients  
13 during the observation period. Bottles with treatment insects were placed in the rearing room.  
14 Mortality was recorded at 24 h and 48 h post-treatment. Adults were observed with the naked  
15 eye and scored as alive if they flew or walked apparently unaffected, as moribund if they could  
16 barely walk or were laying on the bottom of the bottle but still moved, or as dead if they laid  
17 immobile on the bottom of the bottle. Mortality was estimated by adding the number of  
18 moribund and dead insects.

19 To select the final concentrations used in the dose-response curves we started testing 1:10  
20 dilutions ranging from 10  $\mu$ g to 10 pg per insect, with approximately 20 insects in each dose.  
21 High and low limits for each curve were roughly estimated this way and new doses (no less than  
22 5 for each treatment combination) were tested, also with approximately 20 insects per dose, until  
23 a reasonable probit fit was obtained for a given curve. Using the predicted values from the probit  
24 model we chose six final test concentrations (plus acetone control) for each treatment

combination and tested them with in between 60 and 116 insects per concentration. Tests were performed on groups (i.e., repetitions) of at least 3 insects of the same treatment group (insecticide, dose, sex and species), with different treatments tested each day depending on insect availability, until the desired sample size was achieved. A total of 6,802 insects were used to build the final curves.

**Data analysis.** All the statistical analyses were run in R software ([R Core Team 2016](#)). Weight differences among sex and species were analyzed with ANOVA followed by pairwise comparisons. For the analysis of mortality we run generalized linear models (GLM) with a binomial family and a probit link. For statistical analyses we used only the mortality at 24h as a function of insecticide dose (mortality data adjusted by the average dry body weight of each species and sex, i.e., lethal dose or LD). For discussion purposes we show in supplementary material the mortality at 48h as a function of insecticide dose, and 24h mortality as a function of insecticide concentration.

Three levels of mortality analysis were carried out. First, a global model was built hierarchically to determine the effect of insecticide type, dose, species and sex. We started with the simplest model containing no main effects, and followed it with a model including all main effects (insecticide type, dose, insect species and sex), and then with successive models including all main effects and second-, third-, and fourth-order interactions. For model-selection we used the likelihood ratio test (LRT) and the Akaike Information Criterion (AIC), preferring the model with the lower AIC value of pairs that were significantly differences by LRT.

Secondly, we estimated intercepts, slopes and LDs, and their errors for a) insecticides independently of species and sex, b) species within insecticide, independently of sex, and c) sex within species and insecticide. For this, 13 GLM models were run: one to compare insecticides,



three to compare species within each insecticide, and nine for each insecticide by species combination to estimate the effect of sex. Intercept and slope were extracted directly from the GLM models. To estimate LDs, we run the `dose.p()` function in the package "MASS" of R (Venables and Ripley 2002) on each of the 13 GLM models.

Finally, we performed pairwise comparisons [at same levels indicated above (a, b, c)], for slope, intercept, and LD<sub>10</sub>, LD<sub>50</sub> and LD<sub>90</sub>. For slope and intercept estimates we run a generalized linear hypothesis test using the `glht()` function in the package "multcomp" of R (Hothorn *et al.* 2008). For comparison of the LDs we calculated the Z-score of the GLM estimates and errors and obtained a p-value by comparison with the Z-score of the standard Normal curve. R scripts and raw data are available at <http://hdl.handle.net/10459.1/57672>

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## Results

As expected, females were heavier than males in all three species, and *C. pomonella* was the heaviest of the three species, whereas males of *G. molesta* and *L. botrana* did not differ from each other, and neither did the females (Table S1).

Hierarchical model selection indicated that the most complex model, which contains all main variables plus second-, third- and fourth-order interactions, provided the best fit to the data (Table 1). This 36-parameter model was significantly different from the next simpler model according to likelihood ratio test (LRT), and also had a lower AIC value. Analysis of deviance for this model (Table 2) showed that the highest contribution of main effects was for insecticide dose ( $P < 0.0001$ ), and insecticide type ( $P = 0.019$ ), whereas neither species nor sex contributed significantly on their own ( $P > 0.05$ ). Nine of the eleven second- to fourth-order interactions

1 were significant, indicating that the effect of individual variables was strongly dependent on the  
2 other variables.

3 Dose-response curves were constructed using the slope and intercept parameters estimated with  
4 the individual probit regression models of each curve (Figure 1, Table 3). Several qualitative  
5 features are already noticeable in this graph. A group of six green-color curves located on the left  
6 of the graph, which are separated by a gap from the rest of the curves on the right, consist of  
7 insects treated with  $\lambda$ -Cyhalothrin. This illustrates that this insecticide is a more potent toxicant  
8 than the other two, as the model and pairwise comparisons (see below) confirmed. On the right  
9 half of the graph the curves for insects treated with Chlorpyrifos (blue) and Thiacloprid (red) are  
10 intermixed over a relatively wide dose-range, with an apparent stronger effect of Chlorpyrifos  
11 over Thiacloprid. A distinct feature is the blue (Chlorpyrifos) curve located at around the 100 ng  
12 dose on a background of red (Thiacloprid) curves. This Chlorpyrifos curve corresponds to *G.*  
13 *molesta* males and departs from the other Chlorpyrifos curves, including *G. molesta* females,  
14 which cluster around a lower dose range. This illustrates a strong effect of sex on insecticide  
15 response.

16 Intercepts, slopes and LD estimates (Table 3) were compared among insecticides, species and  
17 sexes producing a total of 103 statistical tests (Tables 4 and 5). To analyze the effect of  
18 insecticide (independently of species and sex) the intercept and slope of each resulting curve  
19 (including all data points, except acetone controls, for all insects treated with each insecticide),  
20 was compared with other insecticide resulting curves. A similar procedure was followed to  
21 analyze the effect of species (within insecticide and independent of sex) and sex (for each  
22 combination of insecticide and species).

23 Curves that have the same slope and intercept are considered to be equal, curves that have same  
24 slope but different intercept are considered parallel, and all other types of curves are neither

1 equal nor parallel. In our experiment, equal curves occurred only in the comparison between  
 2 sexes, in *C. pomonella* treated with Chlorpyrifos and  $\lambda$ -Cyhalothrin, and in *L. botrana* treated  
 3 with  $\lambda$ -Cyhalothrin (Table 4). Parallel curves were observed only in the comparison between  
 4 species within insecticide, independently of sex. The curves of the three species treated with  
 5 Thiacloprid were parallel, and so were the curves of *G. molesta* and *L. botrana* treated with  $\lambda$ -  
 6 Cyhalothrin and the curves of *C. pomonella* and *L. botrana* treated with Chlorpyrifos. All other  
 7 curves were neither parallel nor equal.  $\lambda$ -Cyhalothrin had lower intercept and higher slope than  
 8 the other two insecticides, which did not differ from each other in these parameters (Table 4).

9 A second approach to analyze curves is by their LDs (Table 5). The maximum LD<sub>50</sub> difference  
 10 between two insecticides was 7800-fold, corresponding to *L. botrana* females treated with  $\lambda$ -  
 11 Cyhalothrin and Thiacloprid. Between species, the maximum LD<sub>50</sub> difference was 115-fold,  
 12 corresponding to *L. botrana* and *C. pomonella* females treated with Thiacloprid. Finally, the  
 13 maximum difference between sexes was 41.5-fold, corresponding to *G. molesta* treated with  
 14 Chlorpyrifos. Lethal doses LD<sub>50</sub> and LD<sub>90</sub> differed in all pairwise comparisons between  
 15 insecticides, whereas LD<sub>10</sub> did not (Table 5). Lethal dose comparisons among species were  
 16 significant in 25 out of 27 pairwise tests. All the exceptions were in the insecticide  $\lambda$ -  
 17 Cyhalothrin, between *C. pomonella* and *L. botrana* for LD<sub>50</sub> and between *C. pomonella* and *G.*  
 18 *molesta* for LD<sub>90</sub> (Table 5). Sex differences in LD occurred in 8 out of 9 comparisons in each  
 19 Chlorpyrifos and Thiacloprid, but were rare in  $\lambda$ -Cyhalothrin (Table 5). Because females of all  
 20 three species were heavier than males (Table S1) it was expected that females would be less  
 21 susceptible to the insecticides than males. This prediction was observed in two of the  
 22 insecticides,  $\lambda$ -Cyhalothrin and Thiacloprid, however in Chlorpyrifos the males of all three  
 23 species had higher LD<sub>50</sub> than females, with the notable difference of 41.5-times lower  
 24 susceptibility for *G. molesta* males than females, as mentioned above (Table 3).

## Discussion

Few dose-mortality studies have explored, as we have done in here, the combined effect of insecticides with different modes of action, on adults of several insect species, while simultaneously taking into account the effect of sex. Large mortality differences between insecticides (maximum 7800-fold for LD<sub>50</sub>) were followed by much lower, yet important, differences between species (115-fold) and sexes (41.5-fold), demonstrating that each of these three factors has a critical effect on adult mortality. Although these factors were not independent from each other, as shown by significant 2nd- to 4th-order model interactions, our results highlight the need to take into account sex as a very significant factor in the context of insecticide and species differences in dose-mortality studies of adult moths.

Insecticide dose-mortality curves of adult Lepidoptera are poorly represented in the scientific literature, probably because most insecticides are mainly designed to kill larval stages, however, neurotoxic insecticides could affect other life stages. Two studies using adult *G. molesta* and *C. pomonella*, and several studies on larva *C. pomonella* have shown, as we do in here, a stronger effect by pyrethroids than by other insecticide types (Linn and Roelofs 1984, Pasquier and Charmillot 2003, Mota-Sánchez *et al.* 2008, Rodríguez *et al.* 2012, Wu *et al.* 2015). Time effect after initial knock-down did not appear to be greatly affected by species or sex, but mostly by insecticide type. The 48h recovery with Thiacloprid (Figure S3), may involve the induction of detoxification enzymes (Terriere 1984), while the increased mortality of Chlorpyrifos at 48h (Figure S3), may be related to the oxidative desulfurization of the P=S group to its corresponding P=O analog by cytochrome P450 monooxygenases, which would increase the toxicity of this insecticide over time (Yu 2008). The recovery observed in the laboratory may not be realized in

1 the field because moribund insects are probably more susceptible to predation and environmental  
2 stress than non-intoxicated individuals.

3 Species differences in insecticide resistance could be explained either by the activity or quantity  
4 of insect degrading enzymes that metabolize the insecticide before it arrives to the target protein,  
5 or by mutations at the insecticide's target site that lower its effect (Nauen and Denholm 2005).

6 Resistance by degrading enzymes should be far more common than mutations at the target site  
7 because, at least in the case of neurotoxic insecticides, the target sites are proteins which play  
8 fundamental roles in nerve impulse generation and transmission, processes that are fairly  
9 conserved across lineages and that should be under strong stabilizing selection and resistant to  
10 mutations (Li *et al.* 2007). Changes in activity or quantity of the main detoxifying enzyme types  
11 [mixed-function oxidases (MFO), esterases (EST), and glutathione S-transferases (GST)] have  
12 been associated with resistance to a large number of insecticides in *C. pomonella* (Reyes *et al.*  
13 2007, 2011; Morales *et al.* 2016). In addition, point mutations in the sodium channel and in the  
14 AChE have also been reported in this species as mechanisms of resistance (Reyes *et al.* 2007,  
15 Kanga *et al.* 2001). There are comparatively fewer reports of insecticide resistance in *G. molesta*  
16 (Glass 1960, Kanga *et al.* 2003, Jones *et al.* 2011), and *L. botrana* (Civolani *et al.* 2014). Lower  
17 cuticular penetration of Carbofuran may explain resistance to this insecticide in *G. molesta*  
18 (Kanga *et al.* 1997).

19 For phytophagous insects environmental toxins consist mainly of secondary plant metabolites  
20 acquired through ingestion (Li *et al.* 2007), and the function of detoxification enzymes is to  
21 make toxins more water soluble (Terriere 1984). It is plausible, then, that species using different  
22 food sources may have different detoxifying-enzyme activity levels (Yu 1982), and this may  
23 explain why they show different tolerance to insecticides. *C. pomonella's* main agricultural host  
24 is apple fruit, *G. molesta's* is peach shoots and *L. botrana's* is the flower and fruit of grape vines.

1 The diversity of host species and host organs consumed by the larvae of these moth species may  
2 select for different detoxification mechanisms. For example, *C. pomonella*'s second major  
3 agricultural host, walnut fruit, produces high quantities of the naphthoquinone juglone, which is  
4 toxic to several insect species but not to the larvae of *C. pomonella* (Piskorski and Dorn 2011).  
5 Interestingly, the larva of *G. molesta*, which does not feed on walnuts, is also able to metabolize  
6 juglone (Piskorski *et al.* 2011), so ecological factors may not be the only determinants of the  
7 quantity and type of detoxification enzymes produced by each species.

8 One of the most striking findings of our study is the relatively large difference in susceptibility  
9 between males and females, and the higher tolerance of males to Chlorpyrifos, in all three  
10 species. Higher male tolerance has been reported before in *G. molesta*, where the LC<sub>50</sub> of  
11 females was between 3 and 10 times lower than the LC<sub>50</sub> of males to three different  
12 organophosphate insecticides (Azinphos-methyl, Malathion and Parathion-methyl) (Shearer and  
13 Usmani 2001). We confirm the higher male tolerance to organophosphates in *G. molesta*, and in  
14 addition we show that higher male tolerance to organophosphates also occurs in the other two  
15 tortricids, *C. pomonella* and *L. botrana*. Higher female susceptibility seems to be restricted to  
16 organophosphates because, besides our results, *G. molesta* females are less susceptible to  
17 carbamates than males (Kanga *et al.* 2001, Shearer and Usmani 2001). The larger LC for females  
18 compared to males observed for the neonicotinoid Thiacloprid could be explained by the larger  
19 body mass of females, but after correcting by body mass the LD of females was still larger than  
20 that of males. This suggests that additional factors, such differences in enzymatic activities  
21 and/or quantities, might be playing a role in this case. The sex differences with Chlorpyrifos  
22 (females more susceptible) cannot be accounted by body weight, and it is very likely that  
23 detoxification enzymes are involved in these differences. de Lame, *et al.* (2001) showed that the  
24 larger resistance of male *G. molesta* to three organophosphate insecticides (Paraoxon-methyl,  
25 Malaoxon and Diazinon-O-analogue) was the result of sex differences in both, degrading

1 enzyme activity levels and susceptibility of AChE to the insecticide. [Kanga, et al. \(2001\)](#)  
2 reported that Ace-1 insensitivity, the major mechanism of carbamate resistance in *G. molesta*, is  
3 both sex linked and recessive. Point mutations are probably not involved in sex differences  
4 because both sexes share the same chromosomes, except for the W sex chromosome which is  
5 only present in females and codifies few gene products ([Nguyen et al. 2013](#)). A neo-sex  
6 chromosome in tortricids emerged from the fusion of the Z chromosome (the other sex  
7 chromosome, present in both sexes) and an autosome, and it bears genes encoding for  
8 detoxification enzymes ([Nguyen et al. 2013](#)). It has been suggested that the neo-sex chromosome  
9 may be responsible for both, a rapid evolution of this clade and a quick selection response to  
10 insecticides ([Nguyen et al. 2013](#)). Indeed, the expression of AChE genes is larger in males than  
11 in females of *C. pomonella* and *L. botrana* ([Nguyen et al. 2013](#)). It remains to be tested if the  
12 neo-sex chromosome is also responsible for the differential sex response of the three tortricid  
13 species to insecticides.

14 The results of our study have practical implications. First, our dose-mortality curves for  
15 susceptible strains provide a diagnostic baseline to test possible resistance cases in field  
16 populations using adult insects, as in other susceptibility-resistance studies that use larvae or  
17 adult insects ([Pasquier and Charmillot 2003](#), [Reyes et al. 2007](#), [Jones et al. 2011](#), [Wu et al.](#)  
18 [2015](#)). Second, resistance is expressed in both adults and larvae ([Varela et al. 1993](#)), but the use  
19 of adult instead of larvae in this kind of studies is advantageous because of the easier, faster and  
20 cheaper procedure with adults than with larvae ([Kanga et al. 1997](#)). For example, adult  
21 individuals can be easily obtained in the field with monitoring traps ([Bosch et al. 2016](#)). Third,  
22 our dose-mortality results help estimate sublethal doses which could affect the behavior and  
23 physiology of these insects ([Haynes 1988](#)). Finally, differential sex response to insecticides  
24 should be considered in integrated pest management programs. [Shearer and Usmani \(2001\)](#)

1 indicate that male pheromone trap catches may be unfit to monitor threshold population levels if  
2 males are less susceptible than females to insecticide.

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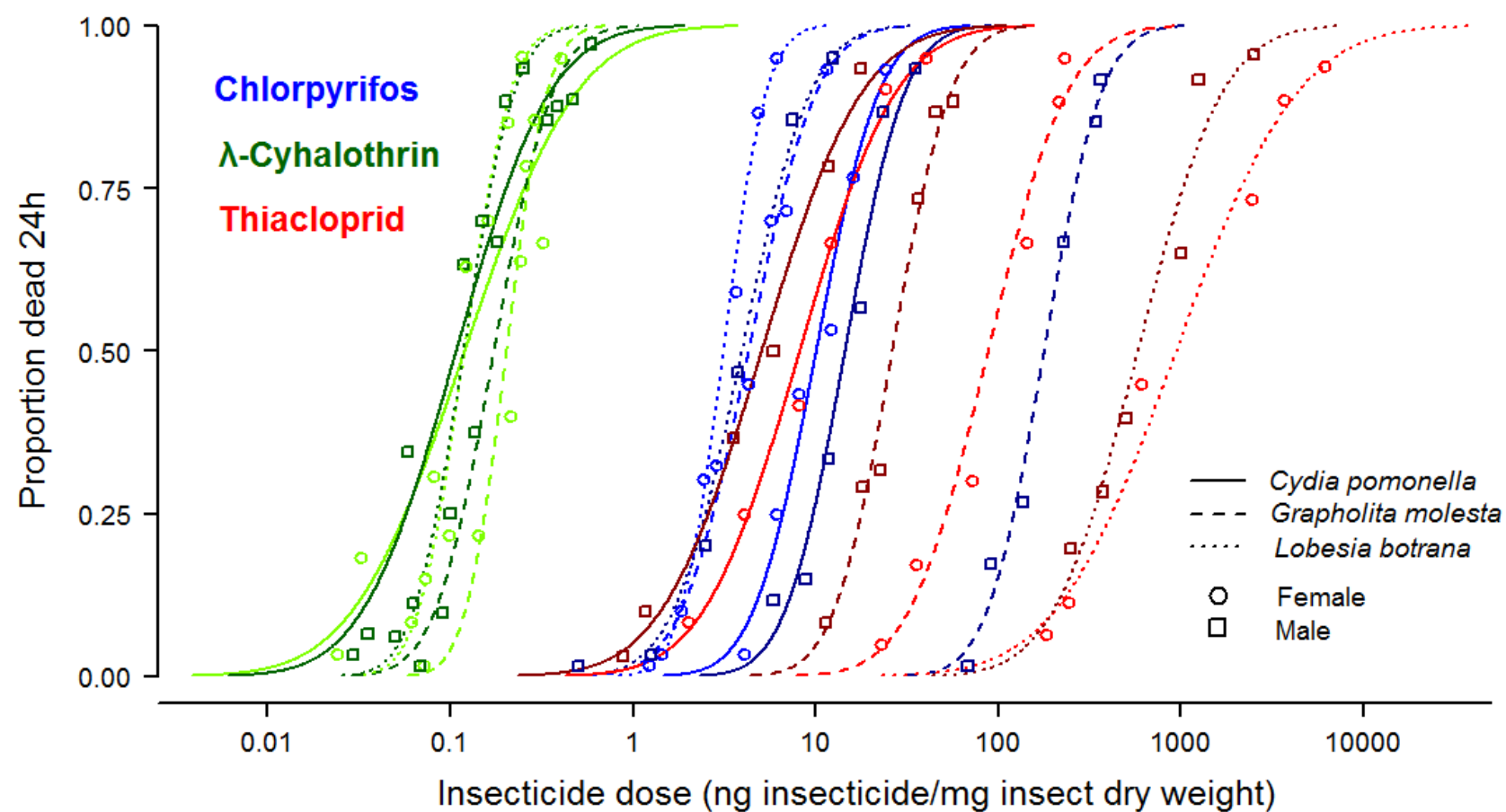
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1 **Figure 1.** Effect of insecticide type ( $\lambda$ -Cyhalothrin, Chlorpyrifos, and Thiacloprid) and dose (ng  
2 of insecticide per gram of insect dry weight; in logarithmic scale) on the proportion of moribund  
3 and dead adult males and females of *Cydia pomonella*, *Grapholita molesta*, and *Lobesia botrana*  
4 24 h after treatment. The symbols indicate the observed values (N=60-116), while the curves are  
5 the estimated values from probit regression.



Figure 1.



**Table 1.** Model comparison for the analysis of percent mortality at 24h as a function of insecticide dose. Models with increasing numbers of parameter interactions (insecticide type, dose, species and sex) were compared pairwise using the likelihood ratio test (LRT) and Akaike Information Criterion (AIC).

| Model type   | Number of parameters | AIC <sup>a</sup> | LRT p-value |
|--|----------------------|------------------|-------------|
| Null   | 1                    | 4000.5           | -           |
| Main effects   | 7                    | 3088.2           | <0.00001    |
| Main effects and 2nd-order interactions              | 20                   | 1249.5           | <0.00001    |
| Main effects and 2nd and 3rd-order interactions      | 32                   | 623.04           | <0.00001    |
| Main effects and 2nd, 3rd and 4th-order interactions | 36                   | 600.13           | <0.00001    |

<sup>a</sup> Models with lower AIC indicate a better model fit

**Table 2.** Analysis of deviance table for the model with all main effects and second, third and fourth-order interactions. Main effects are: insecticide type (Chlorpyrifos,  $\lambda$ -Cyhalothrin and Thiacloprid), moth species (*C. pomonella*, *G. molesta* and *L. botrana*), sex and insecticide dose (ng of insecticide per mg of insect dry weight).

| Model terms                  | Df <sup>a</sup> | Deviance | Resid. Df <sup>b</sup> | Resid. Dev <sup>c</sup> | Pr (>Chi) |
|------------------------------|-----------------|----------|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|
| NULL                         |                 |          | 107                    | 3588.7                  |           |
| species                      | 2               | 2.32     | 105                    | 3586.3                  | 0.3127    |
| sex                          | 1               | 1.40     | 104                    | 3584.9                  | 0.2360    |
| insecticide                  | 2               | 7.84     | 102                    | 3577.1                  | 0.0198    |
| dose                         | 1               | 912.81   | 101                    | 2664.3                  | <0.0001   |
| species:sex                  | 2               | 19.62    | 99                     | 2644.7                  | <0.0001   |
| species:insecticide          | 4               | 959.85   | 95                     | 1684.8                  | <0.0001   |
| species:dose                 | 2               | 483.91   | 93                     | 1200.9                  | <0.0001   |
| sex:insecticide              | 2               | 344.06   | 91                     | 856.8                   | <0.0001   |
| sex:dose                     | 1               | 2.27     | 90                     | 854.6                   | 0.1321    |
| insecticide:dose             | 2               | 54.96    | 88                     | 799.6                   | <0.0001   |
| species:sex:insecticide      | 4               | 568.98   | 84                     | 230.6                   | <0.0001   |
| species:sex:dose             | 2               | 0.27     | 82                     | 230.4                   | 0.8744    |
| species:insecticide:dose     | 4               | 73.77    | 78                     | 156.6                   | <0.0001   |
| sex:insecticide:dose         | 2               | 7.43     | 76                     | 149.2                   | 0.0244    |
| species:sex:insecticide:dose | 4               | 30.92    | 72                     | 118.2                   | <0.0001   |

<sup>a</sup> Degrees of freedom

<sup>b</sup> Residual degrees of freedom

<sup>c</sup> Residual deviance

**Table 3.** Estimated intercepts and slopes of the probit regression models, and lethal doses LD<sub>10</sub>, LD<sub>50</sub> and LD<sub>90</sub>, with their standard errors and 95% confident intervals. Intercept and slope are "dimensionless" model parameter whereas LDs are in ng of insecticide per mg of adult insect dry weight. Estimations are provided by groups: for each insecticide (Chlorpyrifos,  $\lambda$ -Cyhalothrin and Thiacloprid; independent of sex and species; top section), for each species (*C. pomonella*, *G. molesta* and *L. botrana*; within insecticide and independent of sex, middle section) and for each sex (within species and insecticide; bottom section). Heterogeneity factor (HF) indicates curve fit.

| Insecticide            | Species             | Sex    | n    | Intercept    |                 | Slope       |              | LD <sub>10</sub>     |  | LD <sub>50</sub> |                                  | LD <sub>90</sub>      |  | HF <sup>a</sup> |
|------------------------|---------------------|--------|------|--------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|----------------------|--|------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------|
|                        |                     |        |      | beta (SE)    | (95%CI)         | beta (SE)   | (95%CI)      | Dose                 | (95%CI)  | Dose             | (95%CI)                          | Dose                  | (95%CI)  |                 |
| Chlorpyrifos           |                     |        | 2234 | -0.63 (0.05) | (-0.72; -0.53)  | 0.58 (0.04) | (0.49; 0.66) | 0.07                 | (0.04; 0.15)                                   | 12.30            | (9.89; 15.28)                    | 2.09·10 <sup>+3</sup> | (937.64; 4.66·10 <sup>+3</sup> )                 | 26.1            |
| $\lambda$ -Cyhalothrin |                     |        | 2364 | 2.40 (0.09)  | (2.23; 2.59)    | 2.82 (0.11) | (2.63; 3.03) | 0.05                 | (0.05; 0.05)                                   | 0.14             | (0.13; 0.15)                     | 0.40                  | (0.37; 0.44)                                     | 7.8             |
| Thiacloprid            |                     |        | 2204 | -0.72 (0.06) | (-0.83; -0.60)  | 0.42 (0.03) | (0.37; 0.48) | 0.05                 | (0.02; 0.13)                                   | 49.09            | (36.54; 65.96)                   | 5.20·10 <sup>+4</sup> | (2.03·10 <sup>+4</sup> ; 1.33·10 <sup>+5</sup> ) | 23.4            |
| Chlorpyrifos           | <i>C. pomonella</i> |        | 720  | -3.72 (0.26) | (-4.23; -3.23)  | 3.44 (0.23) | (3.00; 3.90) | 5.12                 | (4.49; 5.85)                                   | 12.09            | (11.27; 12.98)                   | 28.55                 | (24.96; 32.66)                                   | 4.0             |
|                        | <i>G. molesta</i>   |        | 744  | -0.37 (0.09) | (-0.56; -0.19)  | 0.25 (0.06) | (0.14; 0.36) | 2.5·10 <sup>-4</sup> | (1.5·10 <sup>-6</sup> ; 4.1·10 <sup>-2</sup> ) | 30.28            | (13.20; 69.48)                   | 3.69·10 <sup>+6</sup> | (2.09·10 <sup>+4</sup> ; 6.49·10 <sup>+8</sup> ) | 29.4            |
|                        | <i>L. botrana</i>   |        | 770  | -2.14 (0.14) | (-2.42; -1.87)  | 3.95 (0.25) | (3.49; 4.44) | 1.65                 | (1.47; 1.84)                                   | 3.47             | (3.25; 3.71)                     | 7.33                  | (6.52; 8.24)                                     | 6.3             |
| $\lambda$ -Cyhalothrin | <i>C. pomonella</i> |        | 736  | 2.13 (0.14)  | (1.86; 2.41)    | 2.26 (0.13) | (2.01; 2.52) | 0.03                 | (0.03; 0.04)                                   | 0.11             | (0.10; 0.13)                     | 0.42                  | (0.35; 0.51)                                     | 3.6             |
|                        | <i>G. molesta</i>   |        | 862  | 3.09 (0.19)  | (2.72; 3.47)    | 4.24 (0.26) | (3.73; 4.77) | 0.09                 | (0.08; 0.10)                                   | 0.19             | (0.18; 0.20)                     | 0.37                  | (0.34; 0.41)                                     | 3.2             |
|                        | <i>L. botrana</i>   |        | 766  | 4.41 (0.26)  | (3.91; 4.93)    | 4.77 (0.27) | (4.25; 5.31) | 0.06                 | (0.06; 0.07)                                   | 0.12             | (0.11; 0.13)                     | 0.22                  | (0.20; 0.24)                                     | 1.3             |
| Thiacloprid            | <i>C. pomonella</i> |        | 725  | -1.78 (0.13) | (-2.04; -1.53)  | 2.19 (0.14) | (1.92; 2.48) | 1.68                 | (1.36; 2.07)                                   | 6.45             | (5.75; 7.24)                     | 24.77                 | (20.26; 30.28)                                   | 2.2             |
|                        | <i>G. molesta</i>   |        | 733  | -3.02 (0.24) | (-3.50; -2.55)  | 1.82 (0.14) | (1.55; 2.11) | 9.01                 | (6.84; 11.86)                                  | 45.48            | (40.12; 51.56)                   | 229.63                | (173.68; 303.60)                                 | 15.8            |
|                        | <i>L. botrana</i>   |        | 746  | -5.86 (0.38) | (-6.61; -5.13)  | 2.06 (0.13) | (1.81; 2.32) | 167.34               | (134.40; 208.37)                               | 702.34           | (623.71; 790.89)                 | 2.95·10 <sup>+3</sup> | (2.39·10 <sup>+3</sup> ; 3.64·10 <sup>+3</sup> ) | 3.6             |
| Chlorpyrifos           | <i>C. pomonella</i> | Female | 360  | -3.70 (0.35) | (-4.42; -3.03)  | 3.69 (0.34) | (3.03; 4.39) | 4.53                 | (3.82; 5.38)                                   | 10.08            | (9.18; 11.08)                    | 22.43                 | (18.85; 26.70)                                   | 1.3             |
|                        |                     | Male   | 360  | -4.50 (0.42) | (-5.32; -3.72)  | 3.88 (0.35) | (3.21; 4.58) | 6.77                 | (5.75; 7.97)                                   | 14.50            | (13.24; 15.88)                   | 31.05                 | (26.37; 36.56)                                   | 1.7             |
|                        | <i>G. molesta</i>   | Female | 368  | -2.17 (0.23) | (-2.65; -1.73)  | 3.43 (0.33) | (2.79; 4.11) | 1.82                 | (1.49; 2.23)                                   | 4.31             | (3.90; 4.77)                     | 10.20                 | (8.51; 12.23)                                    | 0.7             |
|                        |                     | Male   | 376  | -9.13 (0.74) | (-10.62; -7.71) | 4.05 (0.33) | (3.43; 4.71) | 86.29                | (74.70; 99.69)                                 | 178.77           | (163.55; 195.42)                 | 370.36                | (319.86; 428.84)                                 | 1.2             |
|                        | <i>L. botrana</i>   | Female | 387  | -2.67 (0.23) | (-3.14; -2.24)  | 5.39 (0.44) | (4.56; 6.28) | 1.81                 | (1.62; 2.02)                                   | 3.13             | (2.92; 3.35)                     | 5.41                  | (4.83; 6.05)                                     | 0.3             |
|                        |                     | Male   | 383  | -2.02 (0.20) | (-2.42; -1.65)  | 3.38 (0.30) | (2.83; 3.98) | 1.65                 | (1.36; 2.01)                                   | 3.96             | (3.53; 4.44)                     | 9.48                  | (7.88; 11.40)                                    | 3.4             |
| $\lambda$ -Cyhalothrin | <i>C. pomonella</i> | Female | 362  | 1.91 (0.19)  | (1.54; 2.28)    | 2.07 (0.18) | (1.72; 2.44) | 0.03                 | (0.02; 0.04)                                   | 0.12             | (0.10; 0.14)                     | 0.50                  | (0.37; 0.68)                                     | 4.8             |
|                        |                     | Male   | 374  | 2.39 (0.22)  | (1.98; 2.84)    | 2.47 (0.20) | (2.10; 2.87) | 0.03                 | (0.03; 0.04)                                   | 0.11             | (0.09; 0.13)                     | 0.36                  | (0.27; 0.46)                                     | 2.9             |
|                        | <i>G. molesta</i>   | Female | 459  | 3.93 (0.41)  | (3.18; 4.75)    | 5.67 (0.63) | (4.54; 6.94) | 0.12                 | (0.10; 0.14)                                   | 0.20             | (0.19; 0.22)                     | 0.34                  | (0.31; 0.38)                                     | 2.8             |
|                        |                     | Male   | 403  | 3.00 (0.26)  | (2.51; 3.50)    | 3.94 (0.32) | (3.33; 4.58) | 0.08                 | (0.07; 0.10)                                   | 0.17             | (0.16; 0.19)                     | 0.37                  | (0.32; 0.43)                                     | 2.3             |
|                        | <i>L. botrana</i>   | Female | 364  | 4.62 (0.41)  | (3.85; 5.44)    | 5.01 (0.42) | (4.21; 5.87) | 0.07                 | (0.06; 0.08)                                   | 0.12             | (0.11; 0.13)                     | 0.22                  | (0.19; 0.25)                                     | 1.9             |
|                        |                     | Male   | 402  | 4.26 (0.34)  | (3.61; 4.94)    | 4.60 (0.35) | (3.93; 5.30) | 0.06                 | (0.06; 0.07)                                   | 0.12             | (0.11; 0.13)                     | 0.23                  | (0.20; 0.26)                                     | 1.3             |
| Thiacloprid            | <i>C. pomonella</i> | Female | 361  | -2.20 (0.22) | (-2.64; -1.78)  | 2.41 (0.22) | (2.00; 2.85) | 2.40                 | (1.83; 3.16)                                   | 8.18             | (7.05; 9.50)                     | 27.82                 | (21.71; 35.65)                                   | 0.6             |
|                        |                     | Male   | 364  | -1.63 (0.16) | (-1.95; -1.32)  | 2.31 (0.20) | (1.93; 2.71) | 1.41                 | (1.08; 1.84)                                   | 5.07             | (4.33; 5.93)                     | 18.19                 | (13.89; 23.84)                                   | 0.7             |
|                        | <i>G. molesta</i>   | Female | 371  | -5.71 (0.48) | (-6.68; -4.80)  | 2.94 (0.24) | (2.48; 3.42) | 32.28                | (26.16; 39.84)                                 | 88.17            | (77.91; 99.77)                   | 240.81                | (198.04; 292.83)                                 | 1.8             |
|                        |                     | Male   | 362  | -5.64 (0.53) | (-6.69; -4.63)  | 3.97 (0.36) | (3.28; 4.69) | 12.52                | (10.60; 14.79)                                 | 26.35            | (24.14; 28.77)                   | 55.45                 | (47.65; 64.53)                                   | 0.8             |
|                        | <i>L. botrana</i>   | Female | 369  | -5.69 (0.46) | (-6.63; -4.80)  | 1.91 (0.15) | (1.62; 2.22) | 201.42               | (147.00; 276.00)                               | 941.34           | (776.78; 1.14·10 <sup>+3</sup> ) | 4.40·10 <sup>+3</sup> | (3.27·10 <sup>+3</sup> ; 5.93·10 <sup>+3</sup> ) | 1.0             |
|                        |                     | Male   | 377  | -7.58 (0.73) | (-9.03; -6.19)  | 2.74 (0.26) | (2.25; 3.26) | 198.13               | (154.86; 253.50)                               | 581.53           | (513.58; 658.47)                 | 1.71·10 <sup>+3</sup> | (1.37·10 <sup>+3</sup> ; 2.13·10 <sup>+3</sup> ) | 1.9             |

<sup>a</sup> Heterogeneity factor =  $\chi^2/\text{dF}$

**Table 4.** Pairwise comparison of intercepts and slopes between a) insecticides (Chlorpyrifos,  $\lambda$ -Cyhalothrin and Thiacloprid; independent of species and sex; top section), b) species (*C. pomonella*, *G. molesta* and *L. botrana*; within insecticide and independent of sex; middle section), and c) sex (within species and insecticide; bottom section). The numbers represent the difference between each pair of estimated values, and are followed in brackets by the p-values of these differences (Tukey test,  $p < 0.05$ , after GLM).

| Insecticide            | Species             | Sex differences       |                       | Species differences    |                        |                        |                        | Insecticide differences |                        |                        |                       |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
|                        |                     |                       |                       | <i>C. pomonella</i>    |                        | <i>G. molesta</i>      |                        | Chlorpyrifos            |                        | $\lambda$ -Cyhalothrin |                       |
|                        |                     | Intercept             | Slope                 | Intercept              | Slope                  | Intercept              | Slope                  | Intercept               | Slope                  | Intercept              | Slope                 |
| Chlorpyrifos           | <i>C. pomonella</i> | 0.80<br>(0.14)        | -0.19<br>(0.71)       | --                     | --                     | --                     | --                     | --                      | --                     | --                     | --                    |
|                        | <i>G. molesta</i>   | 6.95<br>( $<0.0001$ ) | -0.63<br>(0.18)       | -3.35<br>( $<0.0001$ ) | 3.18<br>( $<0.0001$ )  | --                     | --                     |                         |                        |                        |                       |
|                        | <i>L. botrana</i>   | -0.65<br>(0.03)       | 2.02<br>( $<0.0001$ ) | -1.58<br>( $<0.0001$ ) | -0.52<br>(0.13)        | 1.76<br>( $<0.0001$ )  | -3.70<br>( $<0.0001$ ) |                         |                        |                        |                       |
| $\lambda$ -Cyhalothrin | <i>C. pomonella</i> | -0.49<br>(0.10)       | -0.41<br>(0.14)       | --                     | --                     | --                     | --                     | -3.03<br>( $<0.0001$ )  | -2.25<br>( $<0.0001$ ) | --                     | --                    |
|                        | <i>G. molesta</i>   | 0.93<br>(0.05)        | 1.73<br>(0.01)        | -0.96<br>( $<0.0001$ ) | -1.98<br>( $<0.0001$ ) | --                     | --                     |                         |                        |                        |                       |
|                        | <i>L. botrana</i>   | 0.37<br>(0.49)        | 0.42<br>(0.45)        | -2.28<br>( $<0.0001$ ) | -2.51<br>( $<0.0001$ ) | -1.32<br>( $<0.0001$ ) | -0.53<br>(0.16)        |                         |                        |                        |                       |
| Thiacloprid            | <i>C. pomonella</i> | -0.57<br>(0.04)       | 0.10<br>(0.73)        | --                     | --                     | --                     | --                     | 0.09<br>(0.24)          | 0.15<br>(0.003)        | 3.12<br>( $<0.0001$ )  | 2.40<br>( $<0.0001$ ) |
|                        | <i>G. molesta</i>   | -0.08<br>(0.91)       | -1.03<br>(0.02)       | 1.25<br>( $<0.0001$ )  | 0.37<br>(0.07)         | --                     | --                     |                         |                        |                        |                       |
|                        | <i>L. botrana</i>   | 1.89<br>(0.03)        | -0.83<br>(0.006)      | 4.08<br>( $<0.0001$ )  | 0.14<br>(0.48)         | 2.84<br>( $<0.0001$ )  | -0.24<br>(0.22)        |                         |                        |                        |                       |

**Table 5.** Pairwise comparison of lethal doses LD<sub>10</sub>, LD<sub>50</sub> and LD<sub>90</sub> between a) insecticides (Chlorpyrifos, λ-Cyhalothrin and Thiacloprid; independent of species and sex; top section), b) species (*C. pomonella*, *G. molesta* and *L. botrana*; within insecticide and independent of sex; middle section), and c) sex (within species and insecticide; bottom section). Numbers are the differences of the estimated values, and in brackets the p-values of these differences (Z-score, p<0.05, after GLM).

| Insecticide   | Species             | Sex differences  |                   |                                 | Species differences |                   |                                  |                   |                   |                                  | Insecticide differences |                  |                                  |                  |                  |                                  |
|---------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|
|               |                     | LD <sub>10</sub> | LD <sub>50</sub>  | LD <sub>90</sub>                | <i>C. pomonella</i> |                   |                                  | <i>G. molesta</i> |                   |                                  | Chlorpyrifos            |                  |                                  | λ-Cyhalothrin    |                  |                                  |
|               |                     | LD <sub>10</sub> | LD <sub>50</sub>  | LD <sub>90</sub>                | LD <sub>10</sub>    | LD <sub>50</sub>  | LD <sub>90</sub>                 | LD <sub>10</sub>  | LD <sub>50</sub>  | LD <sub>90</sub>                 | LD <sub>10</sub>        | LD <sub>50</sub> | LD <sub>90</sub>                 | LD <sub>10</sub> | LD <sub>50</sub> | LD <sub>90</sub>                 |
| Chlorpyrifos  | <i>C. pomonella</i> | -2.24<br>(0.00)  | -4.42<br>(0.00)   | -8.62<br>(0.01)                 | --                  | --                | --                               | --                | --                | --                               | --                      | --               | --                               | --               | --               | --                               |
|               | <i>G. molesta</i>   | -84.47<br>(0.00) | -174.46<br>(0.00) | -360.16<br>(0.00)               | 5.12<br>(0.00)      | -18.19<br>(0.03)  | -3.69·10 <sup>+3</sup><br>(0.00) | --                | --                | --                               | --                      | --               | --                               | --               | --               | --                               |
|               | <i>L. botrana</i>   | 0.16<br>(0.42)   | -0.83<br>(0.00)   | -4.07<br>(0.00)                 | 3.48<br>(0.00)      | 8.62<br>(0.00)    | 21.22<br>(0.00)                  | -1.65<br>(0.00)   | 26.81<br>(0.00)   | 3.69·10 <sup>+3</sup><br>(0.00)  | --                      | --               | --                               | --               | --               | --                               |
| λ-Cyhalothrin | <i>C. pomonella</i> | -0.00<br>(0.50)  | 0.01<br>(0.37)    | 0.14 (0.10)                     | --                  | --                | --                               | --                | --                | --                               | 0.02<br>(0.31)          | 12.16<br>(0.00)  | 2.09·10 <sup>+3</sup><br>(0.00)  | --               | --               | --                               |
|               | <i>G. molesta</i>   | 0.04<br>(0.00)   | 0.03<br>(0.00)    | 0.03 (0.43)                     | -0.06<br>(0.00)     | -0.07<br>(0.00)   | 0.05 (0.27)                      | --                | --                | --                               | --                      | --               | --                               | --               | --               | --                               |
|               | <i>L. botrana</i>   | 0.00<br>(0.47)   | 0.00<br>(0.88)    | -0.01<br>(0.62)                 | -0.03<br>(0.00)     | -0.00<br>(0.52)   | 0.20 (0.00)                      | 0.03<br>(0.00)    | 0.07<br>(0.00)    | 0.15 (0.00)                      | --                      | --               | --                               | --               | --               | --                               |
| Thiacloprid   | <i>C. pomonella</i> | 0.99<br>(0.01)   | 3.11<br>(0.00)    | 9.63 (0.02)                     | --                  | --                | --                               | --                | --                | --                               | 0.03<br>(0.48)          | -36.79<br>(0.00) | -4.99·10 <sup>+4</sup><br>(0.00) | 0.00<br>(0.90)   | 48.95<br>(0.00)  | -5.20·10 <sup>+4</sup><br>(0.00) |
|               | <i>G. molesta</i>   | 19.76<br>(0.00)  | 61.82<br>(0.00)   | 185.37<br>(0.00)                | -7.33<br>(0.00)     | -39.03<br>(0.00)  | -204.86<br>(0.00)                | --                | --                | --                               | --                      | --               | --                               | --               | --               | --                               |
|               | <i>L. botrana</i>   | 3.28<br>(0.94)   | 359.81<br>(0.00)  | 2.69·10 <sup>+3</sup><br>(0.00) | -165.66<br>(0.00)   | -695.89<br>(0.00) | -2.92·10 <sup>+3</sup><br>(0.00) | -158.33<br>(0.00) | -656.86<br>(0.00) | -2.72·10 <sup>+3</sup><br>(0.00) | --                      | --               | --                               | --               | --               | --                               |

**Comparative effect of three neurotoxic insecticides with different modes of action on adult males and females of three tortricid moth pests**

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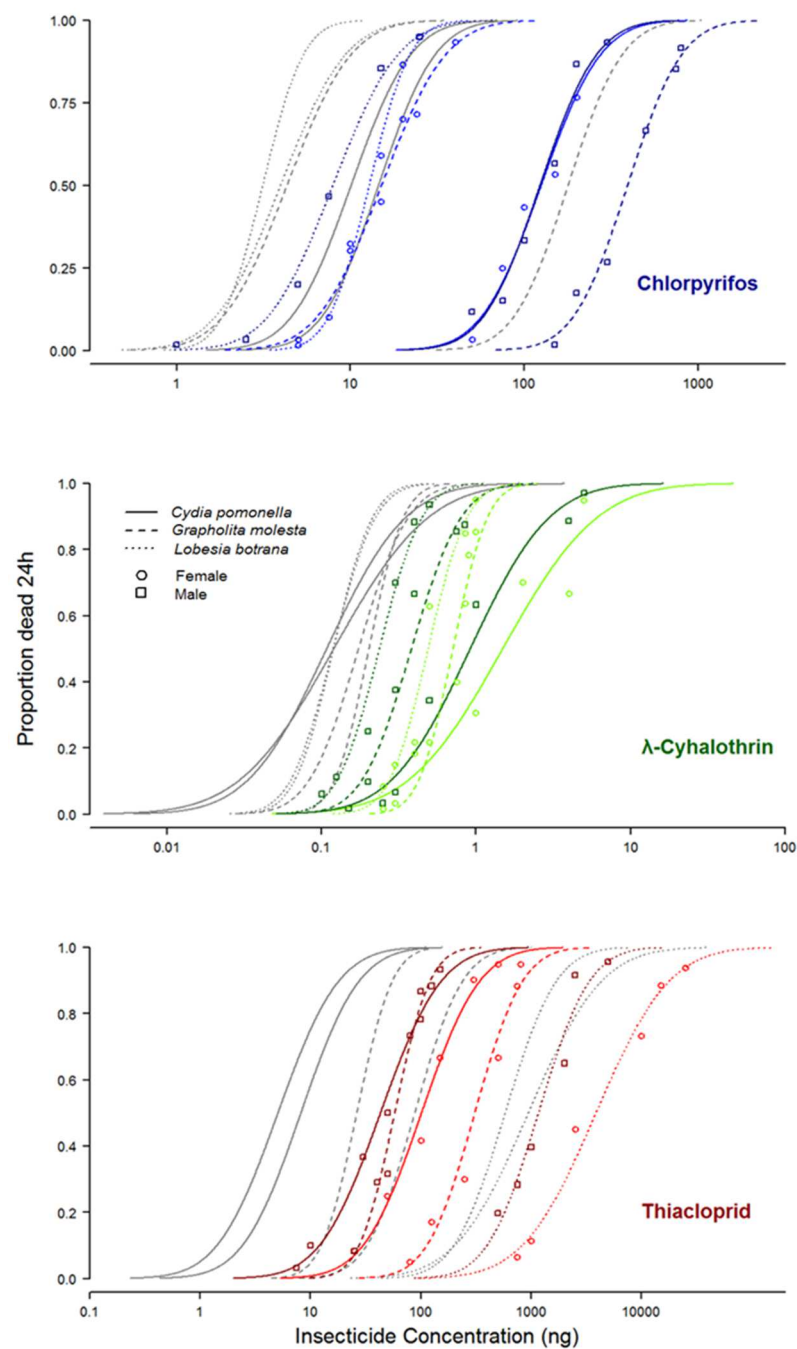
**Supplementary material.**

**Table S1.** Differences in adult body dry weight by species and sex. Means followed by different letters are significantly different (Tukey test,  $p < 0.05$ , after ANOVA).

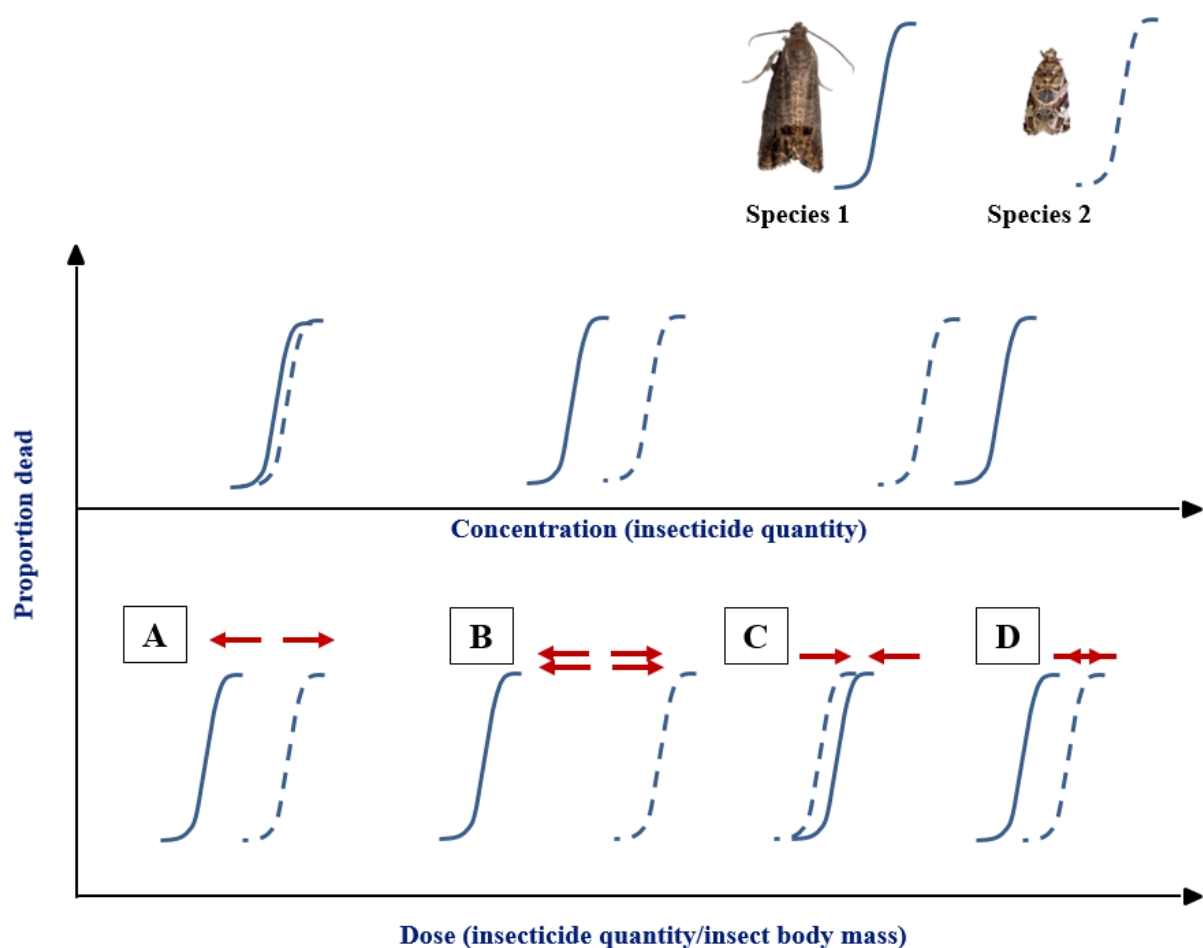
| <b>Species</b>      | <b>Sex</b>    | <b>Mean</b> | <b>±</b> | <b>SEM (mg)</b> |   |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------|----------|-----------------|---|
| <i>C. pomonella</i> | <b>Female</b> | 12.41       | ±        | 0.63            | a |
|                     | <b>Male</b>   | 8.47        | ±        | 0.34            | b |
| <i>G. molesta</i>   | <b>Female</b> | 3.54        | ±        | 0.11            | c |
|                     | <b>Male</b>   | 2.18        | ±        | 0.08            | d |
| <i>L. botrana</i>   | <b>Female</b> | 4.09        | ±        | 0.10            | c |
|                     | <b>Male</b>   | 1.98        | ±        | 0.04            | d |



**Figure S1.** Comparison of insecticide concentration (in ng; coloured curves) and dose (in ng of insecticide/mg of insect dry weight; grey colour curves, same as in Fig. 1 of the main text) for the 24h mortality of the three insecticides on the three moth species. Colours and symbols as shown in Fig. 1 of the main text, but in the present figure the x-axis is absolute insecticide concentration, instead of dose. As predicted (Figure S2), dose-response curves are displaced to the left from their homologous concentration-response curves, and the displacement is stronger for heavier insects (e.g., *C. pomonella* and the females).



**Figure S2.** Theoretical relative position of mortality curves estimated with the absolute insecticide concentration (top chart) or the quantity of insecticide per mass unit (i.e., dose; bottom chart). The larger animal, *Cydia pomonella*, is represented with a continuous curve and the smaller animal, *Lobesia botrana*, is represented with a dashed curve. In case “A” the larger species is as susceptible as the smaller species in the concentration scale (top), which occurs if the larger species is more susceptible than the smaller species per unit of mass, as is shown in the dose scale on the bottom. In case "B", the large species is more susceptible than the smaller species in the concentration scale, and, correspondingly, in the dose scale this difference should be larger. In cases "C" and "D" the smaller species is more susceptible than the larger species in the concentration scale, which indicates that the smaller species is either as sensitive as, or less sensitive than the larger species per unit of mass, as shown in the dose scale.



**Figure S3.** Effect of time after insecticide application on the proportion of mortality (dead + moribund). Grey curves represent mortality at 24 h (as shown in full detail in Fig. 1 of the main text). Colour curves represent mortality at 48 h. For Thiacloprid the curves experimented a displacement to the right in the dose axis, which indicates that part of the insects scored as moribund at 24 hours with this insecticide recovered at 48 hours. With Chlorpyrifos the opposite was observed, in other words, mortality increased from 24 hours to 48 hours.

